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**PLEASE NOTE:** The subject of this letter is the pending adoption of a  
**New Model Building Code (IBC) for California,**  
and the DSA Structural Safety amendments. If this letter is not addressed to the appropriate  
person in your organization, please forward it to that person.

**Dear David Thorman:**

You are cordially invited to participate in the Division of the State Architect (DSA) amendment process that is part of the adoption procedure by the State of California of a new model building code, based on the International Building Code (IBC).

The purpose for this initial outreach to the professional community is to

- Explain the stakeholder process and invite your participation
- Update our stakeholder list

**Stakeholder Process**

Currently, there are approximately 1500 sentences of text in Title 24, Part 2 (California Building Code), chapters 14A through 33 that are DSA Structural Safety amendments.

Deciding whether to delete, modify or retain these amendments in the new model code, and properly locating and editing new and retained amendments in the IBC represents a huge undertaking for DSA. In order to be able to meet the May 2006 deadline for submittal to the California Building Standards Commission (CBSC), DSA is soliciting stakeholder input and technical assistance in:

- Developing a technical basis for repeal, retention or modification of amendments
- Identifying amendments for deletion
- Identifying amendments for retention

The enclosed document, "DSA Workplan – Adoption of the new Model Building Code (IBC)" provides background and context for the Stakeholder Input phase of this process.

**Stakeholder List**

DSA has compiled a list of over 250 professional groups, organizations and individuals with the experience and expertise needed to assist DSA in this effort. The contact information we have for you is printed at the top of this letter. Please review it for accuracy and provide any missing information, especially your e-mail address.

The entire list is available for viewing at the DSA web site at <http://www.dsa.dgs.ca.gov/CodeChanges> and click on "STAKEHOLDER LIST" in the section "International Building Code (IBC) Adoption Project." We welcome your suggestions for other names to add to our list. Please e-mail your contact information updates and suggestions for other names to include on the list to [john.vester@dgs.ca.gov](mailto:john.vester@dgs.ca.gov)

**Your Participation**

In order to expedite the process and assure that your intention to participate is properly noted and that your information is corrected, DSA requires your prompt reply to this invitation since the project is due to commence in mid-September 2005.

For the sake of efficiency, DSA prefers to communicate with stakeholders during this project by e-mail, not by conventional mail. Future responses and project updates will be communicated to you automatically by e-mail only. If you wish to receive these notifications and your e-mail system filters incoming e-mail from unregistered senders, please note that DSA e-mails regarding the IBC adoption process will originate in the general form of:  
From: [sender.name@dgs.ca.gov](mailto:sender.name@dgs.ca.gov), Subject: "IBC".

Please respond to this letter by indicating your willingness to participate in this project. You will receive word, by e-mail and through DSA web site updates, on the next steps in the process.

Also, please let us know if you **do not** want to participate. Your name will be removed from the stakeholder list for this project, but retained for notifications about other future code development projects of potential interest to you.

Your attention and prompt response is appreciated.

Thank You

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Enclosure